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or to what is being sought to be achieved. But his philosophy and mine are different. Punishments that he thinks are appropriate for people who are charged with drunk driving or who have been convicted of drunk driving differ. When I read in the paper that somebody has repeated convictions for drunk driving, it's clear that you're not going to change that person's conduct by locking him or her up, unless you're going to lock them up for life. And some people would say do that. Society has decreed that there is nothing illegal about drinking alcoholic beverages. It's one of those things which society, during these days and at no other time, has had the maturity, if that is what it takes, or personal discipline to control. So it runs riot and causes people to do things that are hurtful to others. So on the one hand, it is legalized, it is protected, it is honored and glorified. But then when conduct which you can predict in advance is going to be triggered by the consumption of these beverages occurs, then the people who fall victims are demonized, and we wind up with bills such as this. Groups are very outraged. I would like to ask Senator Kruse a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kruse, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR KRUSE: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kruse, since there is no committee statement on LB 775, but, in effect, what we have before us is LB 775, did Mothers Against Drunk Driving...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...testify in behalf of LB 775?

SENATOR KRUSE: No, not that I remember. This is not their bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. It's probably too rich even for their blood. This bill should have come to the Judiciary Committee but it didn't. And I assure you, if it had, it wouldn't be out here in this form. Despite all the work that Senator Baker tells us the prosecutors did on it, it is not a